(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
	24.	Rajasthan Drilling — Rajasthan	60.00
	25.	Saurashtra (Exploratory Drilling) — Offshore	30.00
	26.	Ganga Valley (Survey) — U.P.	10.00
	27.	Rajasthan Gas Development Project — Rajasthan	29.98
Gas Authority of India Limited	28.	Hazira-Bijaipur-Jagdishpur Gas Pipeline — Gujarat	125.24
	29.	LPG Plant at Bijaipur — Gujarat	62.74
	30.	LPG Project Vagodia — Gujarat	25.02
	31.	Feasibility Study for Bombay Gas Dist. Maharashtra	28.00
	32.	HEJ Upgradation	937.31
	33.	LPG Project — Lakwa—Assam	5.00
	34.	LPG C2/C3 Project — Hazira— Gujarat	50.00
	35.	LPG C2/C3 Project — Gandhar—I Gujarat	100.00
	36.	LPG Project—USAR—I — Maharastra	25.00
	37.	LPG Along Upgraded HBJ Pipeline	25.00

Agreement Between India and Oman for Gas Supply

1187. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER :
SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any MOU has been signed between India and Oman for laying Sub-sea Natural Gas pipeline from Oman to Gujarat ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and whether any final agreement has been arrived at between India and Oman in this connection;

(c) whether the role of the Indian Oil Corporation companies in this project have been defined; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA) : (a) and (b) A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed to explore the possibility of importing natural gas by pipeline.

(c) and (d) The project is still at a conceptual stage and details such as participation by Indian Companies have not been worked out.

Increase in the Prices of Crude Oil

1188. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER :
SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the international prices of crude oil have been rising of late;

(b) if so, what is the percentage of rise in the prices of crude oil as on date; and

(c) what is the likely impact on the import of crude oil by the Government and on the domestic prices of crude ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The average increase has been about 7.4% in March, 1993 over January, 1993 on Marker-crude oil prices.

(c) Short fluctuations in the prices o crude are common. The overall impact during 1993-94 is, however, too early to be assessed.

Offer for Development of Oil and Gas Fields in Assam

1189. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER :
SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a numbr of Oil and Gas fields in Assam were offered to the Private Companies for development ;

(b) whether the response of Private Companies to take up the development of Oil and Gas field have been poor; and

(c) If so, what are the reasons therefor and the manner in which Government proposes to encourage the Private Companies to take up the development of Oil and Gas fields in Assam ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir. Three small and four medium-sized oil and gas fields in Assam were offered to private companies for development.

(b) No offer has been received from any private company for development of the fields in Assam.

(c) Since bidding by companies is related to their evaluation of commercial aspects, it is not possible to state specific reasons for the absence of bids. Fields in Assam would continue to be offered in future also.

Expert Committee to study Import of Natural Gas

1190. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to set up an expert Committee to study the issues relating to the import of natural gas with a view to increase its availability in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) Government have set up an Expert Group to look into the proposed import of natural gas. Its main terms of reference, are to examine the offers/possibilities of importing natural gas/LNG, to assess the comparative techno-economic viability of importing natural gas and LNG, to suggest alternative land-fall points, to consider alternatives of creating an appropriate distribution network, etc.